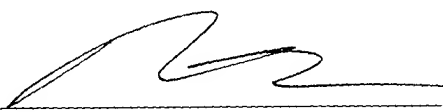
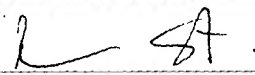
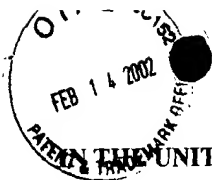


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Please enter the following Response in the above-identified patent application:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Alternatively, the substantially solid foodstuff may be cooked rice or noodles, or both. In this case, the settable foodstuff may be freshly cooked rice or noodles. Upon cooling, the freshly cooked rice or noodles form a substantially solid layer. If desired, suitable gelling or thickening agents, for example gums such as kappa-carrageenan, locust bean gum, guar gum and xanthan gum may be added to the rice or noodles. Usually no more than about 2% by weight of gelling or thickening agent is needed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Alternatively, the substantially sold foodstuff may be an aspic; for example an aspic which contains cooked vegetable pieces. The aspic may be prepared as is conventional. Additional ingredients such as sugars, salts, spices, seasoning, flavoring agents, minerals, and the like may also be added to aspic. The amount of additional ingredients used is preferably such that they make up about 0.25% to about 5% by weight of the aspic.